

EDITOR FALLS DEAD AT WAR HERO'S DINNER

Ripley Hitchcock Stricken as Blue Devils March Into Park Avenue Hotel.

GUESTS NOT NOTIFIED

Noted Art Critic and Versatile Writer Has Two Sons in U. S. Service.

Ripley Hitchcock, author, editor and critic, associated with Harper & Brothers, died suddenly last evening at a dinner at the Park Avenue Hotel which his father-in-law, Charles C. Sargent, an importer living at 29 East Seventh street, gave in honor of the French Blue Devils.

Mr. Hitchcock, who was greatly stirred as the Frenchmen marched into the banquet hall, slipped from his chair and crumpled up on the floor. He was carried into a bedroom and passed away three minutes later, but no one in the banquet hall with the exception of Mrs. Hitchcock knew what had happened until the close of the dinner. Mr. Sargent was kept in ignorance of Mr. Hitchcock's death and continued as host, making a speech that particularly pleased the French visitors.

Mr. Sargent is vice-president of Rogers & Calliet, a perfume house with headquarters in Paris, and conceived the idea of entertaining the Blue Devils in honor of twenty-five men connected with the concern who lost their lives in the war. He is an elderly man and Mr. Hitchcock took from his father-in-law's shoulders much of the burden of the work of arranging for the times, putting the finishing touches to the preliminaries for the event.

Falls as the Band Plays.

Mr. Hitchcock sat at one end of the banquet hall as the distinguished French veterans marched in to the strains of "Over There," played by the hidden orchestra. Everybody broke into cheers and Mr. Hitchcock joined in. As he was reaching himself he was attacked by a sudden seizure and slipped off his chair into a bedroom. Mrs. Hitchcock noticed the incident. Harry Bigg, the Park Avenue steward, and one or two other men quickly carried the stricken man into a bedroom. Mrs. Hitchcock went instantly to her husband's side, and a moment later her father, Mr. Sargent, inquired if anything had happened.

"It is nothing," she replied. "Please return to the table. Ripley will be all right in a few minutes."

The venerable host went back to his place at the table, at which sat Maurice Leon, Henri Gollan, the French Consul, and Col. Tison of Governors Island, all of whom later made addresses. Mr. Sargent made a happy speech that was applauded by 113 Blue Devils.

After most of the guests had left the host, Mr. Sargent, told of the death of his son-in-law, and he was deeply moved.

Two Sons in the Army.

Mr. Hitchcock's two sons are in the service of their country and none of his friends believe that his thoughts were on them when the gallant Frenchmen aroused his emotions by their entry. One son, Robert, is in the French army, and the other, John, is in the United States army. Mr. Hitchcock, who is just out of Harvard, made his debut in the literary world in 1882 and has since then been a constant contributor to the Tribune from 1882 until 1890 and literary adviser for D. Appleton & Co. from 1890 to 1902. From 1902 until his death he was associated with Harper & Brothers, as literary adviser and as a member of the board of directors.

Mr. Hitchcock contributed to many magazines and wrote upon American history, outdoor life and literary topics as well as art. He was always much interested in music and wrote many articles in this field and delivered many lectures and addresses upon artistic and literary subjects.

While serving as literary adviser for D. Appleton & Co., Mr. Hitchcock "discovered" "David Harum," a novel written by Edward Noyes Westcott, an obscure writer, and the manuscript made the rounds of many publishing houses in this city and elsewhere and was rejected twelve times before it found its way to the Tribune. Mr. Hitchcock suggested some revisions in it, the most notable of which was a change in position in the story of the celebrated horse trading chapter.

Mr. Hitchcock was personally acquainted with Rudyard Kipling and nearly all of the prominent writers of the day. He lived at 34 Gramercy Park.

Member of Many Organizations.

He was a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, American Historical Society, Society of Colonial Wars and New England Society. He belonged to the Authors Club, Harvard Club of New York and the National Club of London.

Mr. Hitchcock's first wife was Martha Wolcott Hall of Springfield, Mass., who died September 1, 1903. She was the mother of his two sons. Mr. Hitchcock was married in 1913 to Miss Helen Sargent of this city.

FEDIGREED COWS PURCHASED.

Jerseys From Jersey Bring Big Prices Here.

Ogden Mills, who has a summer home at Staatsburg, Congressman Glass and other prominent persons, have purchased pedigree cattle that ran the German submarine gantlet in being imported from the Isle of Jersey, for prices ranging from \$1,000 a head upward.

Mr. Mills paid \$1,750 for a cow and \$1,200 for a heifer to Edmund Butler, superintendent of the late Robert B. Van Cortlandt's estate at Mount Kisco. Chester, a Jersey cow, was purchased yesterday under the editorship of Alfred W. Sargent, eldest son of the late Frederick E. Sargent, who was for nearly thirty years editor and proprietor of the New York Herald Tribune. Sargent was associated with his father for thirty-two years. The office of the publication is at 15 Park Row.

PROTEST ON ZONE MAIL RATE ISSUED

Merchants Association Sends Letter to Bankhead.

The following telegram protesting against the application of zone postal rates on second class mail matter has been sent by the Merchants Association to Senator John H. Bankhead, chairman of the Senate Committee on Post Office and Post Roads:

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WINNS \$700,000 IN LOAN RAFFLE

Burnet R. Ruggles of Fahnstock & Co. Gets Fortune for \$250.

\$20,000 TO C. I. STRALEM

F. W. White Gets \$7,000 and F. Calhoun \$5,000—Drawing Takes 3 Hours.

Wall Street's \$100,000 Liberty Loan bond raffle took place late Friday night, and Burnet R. Ruggles, winner of the first prize of \$700,000, was nursing a very lame right arm yesterday. The winners of the other three prizes and the amounts of Liberty bonds they received were: Casimir I. Stralem, member of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Hallgarten & Co., \$20,000; F. W. White, \$7,000, and F. Calhoun, \$5,000.

Shortly before 9 o'clock Friday night about fifty men in groups of two and three quietly entered the Plaza Hotel and took their seats at long tables. Each of the men possessed a ticket for the raffle which cost \$250 apiece. Four hundred tickets were sold by a patriotic cotton broker about three weeks ago, mostly to stock and cotton brokers.

Drawing Takes Three Hours.

The drawing started at 9 o'clock and just as the Metropolitan Tower clock was tolling the hour of midnight the gentlemen who were holding the large hat out of which the numbers were drawn exclaimed:

"No. 235 wins. The owner is Burnet R. Ruggles of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Fahnstock & Co. Is he present?"

As a result of the oversight several tickets were sold yesterday at an Atlantic port by customs officials. The purchasers of the high priced cigars had taken to the water the drawing of the things he expected to buy with the annual income of \$2,375 he would receive as interest on the \$700,000 prize. The stubs of the tickets that were sold were placed in envelopes and promptly at 9 o'clock one of those presiding began drawing the numbers from the hat. An envelope was drawn and the number was called and the owner immediately experienced a dizzy feeling of knowing that all his chances to win the \$700,000 prize were now in his hands. After the first man drew twenty numbers another participant in the raffle drew twenty, and so on until about 11 o'clock the drawing was over.

At this point vigorous bidding began for the remaining twenty-five numbers, some of the owners of which parted with their chances. As the quantity of envelopes remaining in the hat began to diminish, the bidding grew more strenuous and excitement ran high. When only four envelopes remained in the hat the prices bid for the chances left ran into the thousands.

Everybody held his breath as the fourth from the last was drawn. "No. 235 wins," cried the man holding the hat. This ticket is owned by F. Calhoun.

The drawing was a pause to give those present a chance to bid for the remaining three numbers and the bids continued to mount.

Justice Newburger awarded Mr. Hart \$20,000 in cash, a half interest in the theatrical booking business and \$75 a week to be paid her out of Hart's business. The drawing of the raffle was a success. The drawing of the raffle was a success. The drawing of the raffle was a success.

Two DEAD IN PAPER MILL FIRE

International Company Building at Watertown Destroyed